

News and Information

Welcome - Welcome to University Presbyterian Church, a PC(USA) congregation that has been pursuing social justice since 1966. You are invited to sign the register at the back of the church if you are worshipping here for the first time. Members are encouraged to wear name tags, which are available in the work room. Please join us for coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. For more information on the life and work of this congregation, please contact Ron Gilmer.

Greeting and Announcements - All are welcomed and encouraged to make announcements of interest to the congregation when invited to do so. The session suggests that announcements be as brief as possible and encourages you to submit announcements in writing to the church office (upsa@bellsouth.net) so that they may be included in the weekly newsletter. Announcements received by 8 a.m. on Thursdays will appear in the following Sunday's newsletter.

Springtime at Living River Open House - The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley is hosting an open house at Living River, its future camp and conference center on the Cahaba River, this afternoon, Sunday, May 17, 2-7 p.m. If you would like to spend the afternoon canoeing, hiking or at a cookout, please join other Presbyterians at this event.

Deacon's Food Pantry—In April the Deacon's Food Pantry provided 757 people with 527 bags of food(255 children, 365 adults and 137 seniors).

Lectionary Study Group— The readings for May 19th will be Acts 1:15-17, 27-41 and Luke 24:44-53.

Congratulations, Rebecca Ella Biermann - Our thoughts and prayers are with Beccy Biermann as she graduates from Northridge High School this year. The commencement ceremony will take place at Northridge Stadium, Friday, May 22, 7 p.m.

Pentecost Offering - The PC(USA)'s Pentecost offering will be collected on Sunday, May 31. This offering supports work among children at risk, youth and young adults. Traditionally, 60% of this offering goes to the denomination's work in this area, and 40% is invested locally.

Main Event - Presbytery's Main Event has been set for August 14-15 at South Highland Presbyterian Church. Please mark your calendar. The featured speaker will be Rodger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary. As soon as registration materials arrive from presbytery, they will be passed along to you.

More Light National Conference - More Light Presbyterians National Welcoming and Affirming Conference will take place in Nashville, TN, September 4-6. Among the speakers at this year's event will be PC(USA) moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow. The registration fee is \$50 per participant (if registered by July 31). Hotel rates range from \$62 to \$92.95 per night. If you plan to go, please let Ron Gilmer know by June 14, because he plans to participate, and group rates are available. For more information, please visit www.mlp.org/mlp2009reg.

May Birthdays— 2-Chelley Alexander, 5- Robert DuPree, 9-Tiffany Washington, 10-Beccy Bierman, 11-Jack Shelton and Julia Hartman, 13-Christina Andreen, 14 -Denise Yanaura and Laura Hutton, 17-Thomas Haygood

Attendance - May 10- 42+ 2 nursery, May 3— 41 + 1 nursery

Sunday Assignments

May 17

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Steve Borrelli
Ushers Becca Bierman and Quincy Hall
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Ann Webb

May 24

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Linda Grote
Ushers Chet and Suzanne Alexander
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Nancy DuPree and Gillie Presley

Lectionary Readings

May 17

Acts 10:44-48
Ps. 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 24

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Ps. 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Let us Pray.....

Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carl Washington, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

Mary Helen Martin, Torry Ryan, Aaron Chun, Michael Yampolsky, James Walker, Marie and Joe Stone, Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter, Robert

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:15 Choir Practice
10:15 Coffee Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday 11:45 Deacon's Meeting

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

Friday 8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Elders

Steve Borrelli
Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Julia Hartman
Gillie Presley
Lena Prewitt

Robert Spencer
Garry Warren
Ann Webb
John Whitehead

Deacons

Robert DuPree
Carla Hall
Paige Miller
Torry Ryan

Mission Statement

We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church. You are welcome here.

Ron Gilmer, Pastor Stated Hours: Monday 10:00-11:00 and Thursday 10:00-12:00 noon
Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary, Office Hours: Monday 8-2, Tuesday 8-11:30, Thursday 8-11:30, Friday 10-2

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”*

May 17, 2009— 11:00 a.m.
6th Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord have secured the victory.

The Lord has made known this victory and has openly showed righteousness in the sight of the nations.

The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world and the peoples with equity.

*HYMN PH #142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Sovereign God, we confess that we tremble at the thought of being judged. We are feeble and fragile. We lack mercy and faith. You call us to shout with joy, but we whisper ashamed. We confess our sin. As your children, we lift up our voices. We rejoice and sing. We celebrate your forgiveness, which feels like victory and tastes like bread and wine. For your mercy, we are thankful, and we pray in Christ's name and for his sake...

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Borrelli

FIRST READING

John 15:9-17 (NT P. 109)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:44-48 (NT p. 130)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Robert J. Powell

SERMON

Even on the Gentiles

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #319

Spirit

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Acts 10:34b-43

God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears the Lord and does what is right is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Risen Christ, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Paul Manz

DOXOLOGY PH #455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.*

O sing ye! Alleluia!

*Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

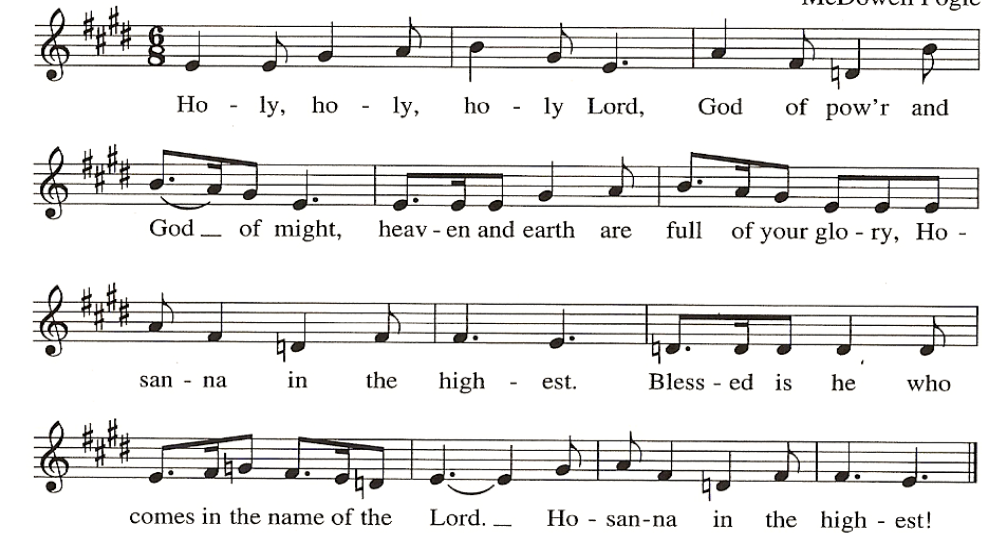
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

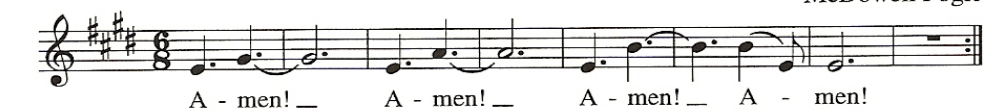
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LORD'S PRAYER

Please begin, "Our Mother and Father God, who art in heaven..."

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please gather at the Lord's Table. When giving the bread, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." When giving the cup, it is appropriate to say, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN SNC #258

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ACCLAMATIONS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Hebrew 13:20, 21

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fanfares

Jean Joseph Mouret